

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 4, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman Alan D. Gardner at 4:00 p.m. on August 4, 2015, in the Commission Chambers, Washington County Administration Building, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Chairman Alan D. Gardner, Commissioner Victor Iverson, Commissioner Zachary Renstrom, County Administrator Dean Cox, Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke, and Deputy County Clerk Nicholle M. Felshaw.

**INVOCATION BY:** Nadene Barish, Beit Chaverim Jewish Congregation

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY:** Bruce Raftery, Vietnam Veteran

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting routine matters which come before the Commission for approval. The Consent Portion of the agenda is approved by one (1) non-debatable motion. If any Commissioner wishes to remove an item from the Consent Portion of the agenda, then that item becomes the first order of business on the Regular Agenda.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for July 8, 2015, through August 4, 2015
- Consideration of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2015, June 16, 2015, and July 7, 2015; and Special Commission Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2015
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property (attached)
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property (attached)
- Consideration of Applications for Property Tax Abatements: Sylvester & Jeanne Szczepanski, A/N 0547235; Robin Dittmer, A/N 0312317; Orrin G Baisden, A/N 0134331; Thelma Haws, A/N 0075864
- Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding Between Utah Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and the Washington County Sheriff's Office for the 2015-2016 Reimbursement Grant
- Consideration of Ratification of Interlocal Agreement Between the City of St. George and Washington County for the 2015 Bryne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award
- Consideration of Approval of Predator Control for FY 2015-2016 Between the State of Utah, Department of Agriculture and Washington County
- Consideration of Amendment #1 to the White Dome Nature Preserve Grant Agreement Between Washington County and the Nature Conservancy
- Consideration of FY 2015 Five County Association of Governments Contract Amendment #2 with Washington County Council on Aging for Aging & Nutrition Services

- Consideration of FY 2015 Utah Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Management Performance Grant

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.**

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT: DEPUTY DARRELL CASHIN**

Deputy Darrell Cashin reported on four (4) Search and Rescue (SAR) efforts from June 16, 2015 through August 4, 2015, for a total of 90 man hours.

Deputy Cashin stated that SAR recently received a donation from the Findlay Group and several other sponsors in the amount of eleven thousand three hundred seventy four dollars (\$11,374.00).

Deputy Cashin also mentioned that the Dixie Sunrise Rotary Club, through fundraising, has committed to purchase the following items for SAR: ten (10) Garmin Rino 650 GPS devices, ten (10) Radio Harnesses, one (1) Rescue Randy for training, and a forty (40) HP Jet Drive Outboard Motor for SAR's fifteen (15) foot inflatable rescue boat utilized by the Dive and Swift Water Teams.

(See attached report for additional details)

**PURCHASE REQUESTS: MARK BLANCH**

Sheriff's Office, accident/crime scene reconstruction hardware/software ... (\$13,791.00)  
Convention and Tourism Office, street lighting for Springdale Town..... (\$50,000.00)

Mr. Blanch stated that the Sheriff's Office purchase request is not a budgeted item but is being funded through the revenue raised through the Beer Tax.

Mr. Blanch continued by saying that the Convention and Tourism purchase request is a budgeted item.

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve the Purchase Requests. Motion seconded by Commissioner Renstrom and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-1925, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS AND WASHINGTON COUNTY TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO SENIOR CITIZENS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY**

Washington County Deputy Attorney Eric Clarke stated that this is a funding agreement whereby the County receives grant money each year to provide services to the senior citizens in Washington County, including: support services, congregate meals, and home delivered meals.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Adopt Resolution No. R-2015-1925, a Resolution Approving the Execution of an Agreement Between Five County Association of Governments and Washington County to Provide Services to Senior Citizens in Washington County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-1926, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEAN COX TO THE COMMUNITY EDUCATION CHANNEL (CEC) BOARD**

Commissioner Iverson stated that he is a member of the CEC Board and from time to time has been unable to attend the Board meetings, due to scheduling conflicts. Because of this, Commissioner Iverson proposed County Administrator Dean Cox replace him on the Board to ensure adequate representation.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Resolution No. R-2015-1926, a Resolution Appointing Dean Cox to the Community Education Channel (CEC) Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Renstrom and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-1927, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BYLAWS AND GUIDELINES OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY RAP ADVISORY BOARD**

Washington County Recreation, Arts, and Parks (RAP) Advisory Board Chairman Gary Sanders introduced the RAP Board members that were present: Vice-Chair Summer Roberts, Clyde Johnston and Douglas Caputo.

Mr. Sanders thanked Mr. Clarke for his assistance in working with the RAP Advisory Board members to draft the bylaws, along with Clyde Johnston who took the lead in drafting the policy and procedures application. The RAP Advisory Board has also been

working with the County's Information Technology (IT) Department to make the application available online. The bylaws and application are currently ready for Commission approval.

Chairman Gardner reminded the public that the RAP tax was passed last November during the election, which imposed a one tenth of one percent ( $1/10^{\text{th}}$  of 1%) sales and use tax for the purpose of funding recreational and cultural facilities and organizations.

Commissioner Iverson mentioned the distribution of the RAP tax is fifteen percent (15%) appropriated for cultural organizations and the remaining eighty-five percent (85%) is distributed to the cities based on population and point of sale. The RAP Board's responsibility is to make recommendations to the Commission as to how the fifteen percent (15%) should be distributed, based upon applications that are received.

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Resolution No. R-2015-1927, a Resolution Approving the Bylaws and Guidelines of the Washington County RAP Advisory Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Renstrom and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-1928, A RESOLUTION STATING WASHINGTON COUNTY'S INTENTION TO BOND FOR A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF A NEW BUILDING FOR THE DIXIE APPLIED TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

Dixie Applied Technology College (DXATC) President Kelle Stephens expressed appreciation to the Commission for consideration of bonding for a portion of the cost for a new building for the DXATC. Although thirty-one point nine million dollars (\$31.9 million) is being funded from the Legislature, a balance of thirteen million dollars (\$13 million) is still needed for the project. The DXATC has asked the County to bond for approximately eight million dollars (\$8 million) out of the thirteen million dollars (\$13 million) required.

Utah College of Applied Technology (UCAT) Trustee and DXATC Board member Stephen Wade explained the importance of building the new DXATC center to provide men and woman continued education opportunities. Mr. Wade explained that he has gathered a good team that is knowledgeable in raising funds and has established large donors. Mr. Wade stated that this bonding will give the project the credibility it needs to move forward and add to the reality of expediting the new building construction and is very confident in the ability to raise the additional five million dollars (\$5) needed.

Commissioner Iverson stated that the new facility will be a great asset to the community.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Adopt Resolution No. R-2015-1928, a Resolution Stating Washington County's Intention to Bond a Portion of the Costs of a New Building for the Dixie Applied Technology Center. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-1929, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT 1 TO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE AND WASHINGTON COUNTY REGARDING THE PROVISION OF FUNDS FOR PLANNING AND DESIGN FOR REHABILITATION OF THE FROG HOLLOW DEBRIS BASIN AND FOR DESIGN OF THE IVINS DAMS 1-6**

Mr. Clarke stated that federal funds are received for rehabilitation of the Frog Hollow Debris Basin and Ivins Dams. Amendment one (1) will modify the agreement to include environmental assessments in the federally funded project and designate NRCS as the entity that will complete the assessments.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Resolution No. R-2015-1929, a Resolution Approving Amendment 1 to an Agreement Between the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service and Washington County Regarding the Provision of Funds for Planning and Design for Rehabilitation of the Frog Hollow Debris Basin and for Design of the Ivins Dams 1-6. Motion seconded by Commissioner Renstrom and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF UPDATES TO WASHINGTON COUNTY EMPLOYMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL**

Washington County Administrator Dean Cox explained that the Employment Policies and Procedures Manual is currently being updated.

Mr. Cox recommended that the Commission adopt the changes made to the three (3) sections within the Employment Policies and Procedures Manual regarding: Personal Time Off, Hiring for New and Vacant Positions, and Worker's Compensation.

(See the complete Employment Policies and Procedures Manual: [www.washco.utah.gov](http://www.washco.utah.gov))

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Adopt the Updates to the Washington County Employment Policies and Procedures Manual as Outlined. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.**

### **COMMISSIONERS' REPORT**

Commissioner Iverson reminded the public that the County Fair will be held August 12, 2015 through August 15, 2015.

Commissioner Iverson also stated that he had the opportunity to visit Tropic, Utah and met with the Regional Forester to discuss forest service concerns. Commissioner Iverson explained that fortunately Washington County has a good working relationship with the local forester and thus, does not have as many points of conflict as other counties.

### **PUBLIC WORKS OR ROAD BUSINESS**

No items were presented today.

### **COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BUSINESS**

No items were presented today.

### **HCP BUSINESS**

Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Biologist Cameron Rognan reported that the mural on the South wall of the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve building is now complete. In association with the mural, a sign will be added to make it easy for the public to locate the HCP building.

Mr. Rognan also mentioned that the HCP will have a booth at the fair to educate the public about the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve, the desert tortoise and other issues regarding the HCP.

The last item that Mr. Rognan spoke about was the Long Valley Land Exchange proposal with the BLM and stated that the State Historic Preservation Office is currently determining what mitigation might be necessary to allow the land exchange to proceed.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

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NICHOLLE M. FELSHAW  
DEPUTY CLERK

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ALAN D. GARDNER  
CHAIRMAN